

**What is claimed is:**

**[Claim 1]** 1. A stand for supporting a water bottle with a drip tube for pets comprising

a base portion, and

a holder portion having a top end, a bottom end, and an internal cavity at least large enough to support a water bottle, the bottom end secured substantially perpendicularly to the base portion, and the top end having a slot extending longitudinally along the holder portion and terminating above the bottom end at least as wide as a water bottle drip tube.

**[Claim 2]** 2. The stand of claim 1, wherein the holder portion has a substantially square cross-section, and the internal cavity has a clearance at least as large the diameter of a cylindrical water bottle.

**[Claim 3]** 3. The stand of claim 1, wherein the base portion is substantially rectangular and extends beyond the holder portion by at least 50% of the width of the holder portion.

**[Claim 4]** 4. The stand of claim 3, the base portion further comprising an elongated end extending beyond the holder portion by at least 75% of the width of the holder portion.

**[Claim 5]** 5. The stand of claim 4, further comprising a drip catcher container.

**[Claim 6]** 6. The stand of claim 1, wherein the holder portion has a cross section that is round.

**[Claim 7]** 7. The stand of claim 1, wherein the holder portion has a cross section that is a regular polygon.

**[Claim 8]** 8. The stand of claim 7, wherein the holder portion has a cross section that is square.

**[Claim 9]** 9. The stand of claim 1, further comprising a handle attached to the holder portion.

**[Claim 10]** 10. A portable water bottle system for pets comprising a cylindrical water bottle having a drip tube that terminates at a point outside a zone defined by the water bottle cylinder extended to the length of the drip tube, and a water bottle stand, the water bottle stand comprising a base portion, and a holder portion having a top end, a bottom end, and an internal cavity at least large enough to support the water bottle, the bottom end secured substantially perpendicularly to the base portion, and the top end having a slot at least as wide as a water bottle extending longitudinally along the holder portion and terminating above the bottom end.

**[Claim 11]** 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the holder portion has a substantially square cross-section, and the internal cavity has a clearance at least as large the diameter of a cylindrical water bottle.

**[Claim 12]** 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the base portion is substantially rectangular and extends beyond the holder portion by at least 50% of the width of the holder portion.

**[Claim 13]** 13. The system of claim 12, the base portion further comprising an elongated end extending beyond the holder portion by at least 75% of the width of the holder portion.

**[Claim 14]** 14. The system of claim 13, further comprising a drip catcher container.

**[Claim 15]** 15. The system of claim 10, wherein the holder portion has a cross section that is round.

**[Claim 16]** 16. The system of claim 10, wherein the holder portion has a cross section that is a regular polygon.

**[Claim 17]** 17. The system of claim 16, wherein the holder portion has a cross section that is square.

**[Claim 18]** 18. The system of claim 10, further comprising a handle attached to the holder portion.